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File No.: LA0113921
AI No.: 41555
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Mr. Andrew Schwartzburg
Francis Drilling Fluids, Ltd.
FDF - Cameron Plant
Post Office Box 1694
Crowley, Louisiana 70527

RE: Draft Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit to discharge external and internal truck washwater, tank barge washwater, and stormwater runoff to local drainage thence to Calcasieu Pass from an existing drilling mud sales and service facility located at 120 Rex Street, Cameron, Cameron Parish.

Dear Mr. Schwartzburg:

The Department of Environmental Quality proposes to reissue an LPDES permit with the effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and special conditions listed in the attached DRAFT PERMIT. Please note that this is a DRAFT PERMIT only and as such does not grant any authorization to discharge. Authorization to discharge in accordance with this permitting action will only be granted after all requirements described herein are satisfied and by the subsequent issuance of a FINAL PERMIT. Upon the effective date of the FINAL PERMIT, the FINAL PERMIT shall replace the previously effective State (LPDES) permit. **Please note that LPDES Multi-Sector Stormwater Permit, LAR05M573, issued May 23, 2006, has been voided. The stormwater provisions in this multi-sector permit are included in the existing individual permit, LA0113921, for this facility.**

This Office will publish a public notice one time in a local newspaper of general circulation and the Office of Environmental Services Public Notice Mailing List. A copy of the public notice containing the specific requirements for commenting to this draft permit action will be sent under separate cover at the time the public notice is arranged. In accordance with LAC 33:IX.6521.A, the applicant shall receive and is responsible for paying the invoice from the above mentioned newspaper. LAC 33:IX.6521.A states: "...the costs of publication shall be borne by the applicant."

The invoice, fee rating worksheet, and a copy of the fee regulations will be sent under a separate cover letter as applicable. Please note that a copy of the fee rating worksheet is also attached to this draft permit. A copy of the entire Louisiana Water Quality Regulations may be obtained from the DEQ Office of Environmental Assessment, Post Office Box 4314, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4314, (225) 219-3236.

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Pursuant to LAC 33:IX.1309.I, LAC 33:IX.6509.A.1 and LAC 33:I.1701, you must pay any outstanding fees to the Department. Therefore, you are encouraged to verify the facility's fee status by contacting LDEQ's Office of Management and Finance, Financial Services Division (225) 219-3863. Failure to pay in the manner and time prescribed could result in applicable enforcement actions as prescribed in the Environmental Quality Act, including, but not limited to revocation or suspension of the applicable permit, and/or assessment of a civil penalty against you.

Should you have any questions concerning any part of the DRAFT PERMIT, public notice requirements, or fee, please feel free to contact Michelle Bickham, Office of Environmental Services, at the address on the preceding page, telephone (225) 219-3109. To ensure that all correspondence regarding this facility is properly filed, please reference your Agency Interest (AI) number 41555 and LPDES permit number LA0113921 on all future correspondence to this Department, including Discharge Monitoring Reports.

Sincerely,



Jesse Chang, Environmental Scientist Manager
Industrial Water Permits Section

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Attachment(s) draft permit, statement of basis, and fee sheet:

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Water Permits Division

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Office of Management & Finance

Permit Compliance Unit
Office of Environmental Compliance

For Public Notice
Public Participation Group
Office of Environmental Assistance

Cheryl LeJeune
Water Permits Division

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OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
Water Discharge Permit

Pursuant to the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), and the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, as amended (La. R. S. 30:2001 et seq.), rules and regulations effective or promulgated under the authority of said Acts, and in reliance on statements and representations heretofore made in the application, a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit is issued authorizing

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 Crowley, Louisiana 70527

Type Facility: drilling mud sales and service facility

Location: 120 Rex Street, Cameron
 Cameron Parish

Receiving Waters: local drainage thence to Calcasieu Pass (030401)

to discharge in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in Parts I, II, and III attached hereto.

This permit shall become effective on _____

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire five (5) years from the effective date of the permit.

DRAFT

Issued on _____

Cheryl Sonnier Nolan
 Assistant Secretary

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EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

During the period beginning the effective date and lasting through the expiration date the permittee is authorized to discharge from:

Outfall 001, the discharge external and internal truck washwater and tank barge washwater (*1)

Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

Effluent Characteristic	STORET Code	Discharge Limitations		Other Units		Monitoring Requirements	
		(lbs/day, UNLESS STATED)		(mg/L, UNLESS STATED)		Measurement Frequency (*2)	Sample Type
		Monthly Average	Daily Maximum	Monthly Average	Daily Maximum		
Flow-MGD	50050	Report	Report	---	---	1/quarter	Grab
COD	00340	---	---	200	300	1/month	Grab
TSS	00530	---	---	---	45	1/quarter	Grab
Oil and Grease	03582	---	---	---	15	1/quarter	Grab
pH Minimum/Maximum Values (Standard Units)	00400	---	---	6.0(*3) (Min)	9.0(*3) (Max)	1/quarter	Grab

See Part II, Paragraphs J, K, L, M, and N.

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts.

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location(s):

Outfall 001, at the point of discharge from the filter pod treatment system prior to combining other waters

FOOTNOTE(S):

(*1) See Part II, N.

(*2) When discharging.

(*3) The permittee shall report on the discharge Monitoring Reports both the minimum and maximum instantaneous pH values measured

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In addition to the standard conditions required in all permits and listed in Part III, the Office has established the following additional requirements in accordance with the Louisiana Water Quality Regulations.

- A. The Department of Environmental Quality reserves the right to impose more stringent discharge limitations or additional restrictions, if necessary, to maintain the water quality integrity and the designated uses of the receiving water bodies.
- B. This permit does not in any way authorize the permittee to discharge a pollutant not listed or quantified in the application or limited or monitored for in the permit.
- C. Authorization to discharge pursuant to the conditions of this permit does not relieve the permittee of any liability for damages to state waters or private property. For discharges to private land, this permit does not relieve the permittee from obtaining proper approval from the landowner for appropriate easements and rights of way.
- D. For definitions of monitoring and sampling terminology see Part III, Section F.

E. 24-HOUR ORAL REPORTING: DAILY MAXIMUM LIMITATION VIOLATIONS

Under the provisions of Part III.D.6.e.(3) of this permit, violations of daily maximum limitations for the following pollutants shall be reported orally to the Office of Environmental Compliance within 24 hours from the time the permittee became aware of the violation followed by a written report in five days.

Pollutant(s): None

F. 40 CFR PART 136 (See LAC 33:IX.4901) ANALYTICAL REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified in this permit, monitoring shall be conducted according to analytical, apparatus and materials, sample collection, preservation, handling, etc., procedures listed at 40 CFR Part 136, and in particular, Appendices A, B, and C (See LAC 33:IX.4901).

G. FLOW MEASUREMENT "ESTIMATE" SAMPLE TYPE

If the flow measurement sample type in Part I is specified as "estimate", flow measurements shall not be subject to the accuracy provisions established at Part III.C.6 of this permit. The daily flow value may be estimated using best engineering judgement.

- H. The permittee shall achieve compliance with the effluent limitations and monitoring requirements specified for discharges in accordance with the following schedule:

Effective date of the permit

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I. PERMIT REOPENER CLAUSE

In accordance with LAC 33:IX.2903, this permit may be modified, or alternatively, revoked and reissued, to comply with any applicable effluent standard or limitations issued or approved under sections 301(b)(2)(c) and (D); 304(b)(2); and 307(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act, if the effluent standard or limitations so issued or approved:

1. Contains different conditions or is otherwise more stringent than any effluent limitation in the permit; or
2. Controls any pollutant not limited in the permit; or
3. Requires reassessment due to change in 303(d) status of waterbody; or
4. Incorporates the results of any total maximum daily load allocation, which may be approved for the receiving water body.

J. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BARGES/VESSELS

General requirements for barges/vessels carrying all types of cargo and/or supporting activity, i.e., barge/vessel washing, work barges/vessels, bunkering barges/vessels, midstream refueling barges/vessels, barges/vessels carrying coal, coke, grain, rock, chemical, or any other cargo are described in the following. Please note: The General Requirements for barges/vessels does apply to all barges/vessels. However, for numbers 1 and 2, the permittee is responsible for permittee barges/vessels only. Requirement 3 is specific to the entire facility, therefore the SPC plan should include, in general terms, other barges/vessels being repaired. The permittee would be responsible for meeting requirements 4 and 5 for all barges/vessels at the facility.

Best Management Practices (BMP) shall be used to prevent the discharge of contaminated waters or cargo and shall be at least equivalent to the following:

1. Louisiana Administrative Code Title 33:IX.9 Spill Prevention and Control (SPC) does apply to all tanks and equipment mounted on barge/vessel surfaces as well as to any tanks on shore. All pumps, tanks, vessels or other equipment on work or washwater barges/vessels shall be placed on impervious decks and provided with spill containment systems such as curbs, gutters, sumps or absorbents and drip pans capable of retaining spills of oil and other materials.
2. With respect to work and washwater barge/vessel surfaces, LAC 33:IX.907.F.1 referring to containment is modified to include a requirement that the containment volume must be sufficient to contain the volume of the largest tank or vessel on the barge/vessel surface, or 35% of the total volume of all tanks or vessels mounted on the barge/vessel surface, whichever is larger.
3. If applicable, the facility SPC plan is required to be prepared and implemented within 180 days of the final permit effective date.

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4. Wastewaters generated in the process of washing barge/vessel deck surfaces may be discharged provided: a.) residual oil and other contaminants that may be present on the deck surface are removed before the washing takes place, by means of absorbents or other appropriate methods that prevent oil and other contaminants from entering the waterway; and b.) if a cleaning agent is used in the wash process, it is one that is biodegradable.
 5. Wastewaters generated, prior to barge/vessel maintenance and/or repair, in the process of hydroblasting (or pressure washing) of the barge/vessel exteriors (excluding decks, refer to number 4 above) may be discharged provided that if a cleaning agent is used in the wash process, it is one that is biodegradable.
- K. Discharge of rainwater from subject barges/ships that have not been cleaned, must be discharged through the facility's wastewater system and in accordance with the effluent limitations and conditions for the outfall for the type of barge/ship.
- L. SPECIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR BARGE CLEANING FACILITIES
1. On a monthly basis, report products that were in the barges cleaned and the number of barges cleaned that contained that product. Report the total volume of washwaters accumulated for the month and the total washwaters discharged during the reporting period, the total water used for washing, and the average, maximum and minimum amount of water used per barge cleaning and per compartment.
 2. The above information is to be summarized monthly and submitted to the Office of Environmental Compliance with the quarterly Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs).
- M. FACILITY LOCATION FOR BARGE CLEANING
- This permit to clean barges at the facility is restricted to the permitted facility location. Activities at any other (not specified) location are not permitted.
- N. Only washwater from barges and ships that contained the materials specifically listed in Attachment A and treated as indicated through the respective outfall may be discharged. No other washwater from any other source and/or containing any other materials shall be discharged without prior written approval of the Permits Division. This approval may require a permit modification.
- O. STORMWATER DISCHARGES
1. This section applies to all stormwater discharges from the facility, either through permitted outfalls or through outfalls which are not listed in the permit or as sheet flow. The purpose of the pollution prevention plan is to identify potential sources of pollution that would reasonably be expected to affect the quality of stormwater and

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identify the practices that will be used to prevent or reduce the pollutants in stormwater discharges.

2. Any runoff leaving the developed areas of the facility, other than the permitted outfall(s), exceeding 50 mg/L TOC, 15 mg/L Oil and Grease, or having a pH less than 6.0 or greater than 9.0 standard units shall be a violation of this permit. Any discharge in excess of these limitations, which is attributable to offsite contamination shall not be considered a violation of this permit. A visual inspection of the facility shall be conducted and a report made annually as described in Paragraph 4 below.
3. The permittee shall prepare, implement, and maintain a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) within six (6) months of the effective date of the final permit. The terms and conditions of the SWP3 shall be an enforceable Part of the permit. If the permittee maintains other plans that contain duplicative information, those plans could be incorporated by reference into the SWP3. Examples of these type plans include, but are not limited to: Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC), Best Management Plan (BMP), Response Plans, etc. EPA document 833-R-92-006 (Storm Water Management for Industrial Activities) may be used as a guidance and may be obtained by writing to the Water Resource Center (RC 4100), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington D.C. 20460 or by calling (202) 566-1729 or via the Wetlands Helpline (800) 832-7828.
4. The following conditions are applicable to all facilities and shall be included in the SWP3 for the facility.
 - a. The permittee shall conduct an annual inspection of the facility site to identify areas contributing to the storm water discharge from developed areas of the facility and evaluate whether measures to reduce pollutant loadings identified in the SWP3 are adequate and have been properly implemented in accordance with the terms of the permit or whether additional control measures are needed.
 - b. The permittee shall develop a site map which includes all areas where stormwater may contact potential pollutants or substances which can cause pollution. Any location where reportable quantities leaks or spills have previously occurred are to be documented in the SWP3. The SWP3 shall contain a description of the potential pollutant sources, including, the type and quantity of material present and what action has been taken to assure stormwater precipitation will not directly contact the substances and result in contaminated runoff.
 - c. Where experience indicates a reasonable potential for equipment failure (e.g. a tank overflow or leakage); natural condition of (e.g. precipitation), or other circumstances which result in significant amounts of pollutants reaching surface waters, the SWP3 should include a prediction of the direction, rate of flow

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and total quantity of pollutants which could be discharged from the facility as a result of each condition or circumstance.

- d. The permittee shall maintain for a period of three years a record summarizing the results of the inspection and a certification that the facility is in compliance with the SWP3, and identifying any incidents of noncompliance. The summary report should contain, at a minimum, the date and time of inspection, name of inspector(s), conditions found, and changes to be made to the SWP3.
- e. The summary report and the following certification shall be signed in accordance with LAC 33:IX.2503. The summary report is to be attached to the SWP3 and provided to the Department upon request.

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

Signatory requirements for the certification may be found in Part III, Section D.10 of this permit.

- f. The permittee shall make available to the Department, upon request, a copy of the SWP3 and any supporting documentation.
5. The following shall be included in the SWP3, if applicable.
- a. The permittee shall utilize all reasonable methods to minimize any adverse impact on the drainage system including but not limited to:
 - i. maintaining adequate roads and driveway surfaces;
 - ii. removing debris and accumulated solids from the drainage system; and
 - iii. cleaning up immediately any spill by sweeping, absorbent pads, or other appropriate methods.
 - b. All spilled product and other spilled wastes shall be immediately cleaned up and disposed of according to all applicable regulations, Spill Prevention and Control (SPC) plans or Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) plans. Use of detergents, emulsifiers, or dispersants to clean up spilled product is prohibited except where necessary to comply with State or Federal safety regulations (i.e., requirement for non-slippery work surface) except where the cleanup practice does not result in a discharge and does not leave residues exposed to future storm

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events. In all such cases, initial cleanup shall be done by physical removal and chemical usage shall be minimized.

- c. All equipment, parts, dumpsters, trash bins, petroleum products, chemical solvents, detergents, or other materials exposed to stormwater shall be maintained in a manner which prevents contamination of stormwater by pollutants.
- d. All waste fuel, lubricants, coolants, solvents, or other fluids used in the repair or maintenance of vehicles or equipment shall be recycled or contained for proper disposal. Spills of these materials are to be cleaned up by dry means whenever possible.
- e. If applicable, all storage tank installations (with a capacity greater than 660 gallons for an individual container, or 1,320 gallons for two or more containers in aggregate within a common storage area) shall be constructed so that a secondary means of containment is provided for the entire contents of the largest tank plus sufficient freeboard to allow for precipitation. Diked areas should be sufficiently impervious to contain spills.
- f. All diked areas surrounding storage tanks or stormwater collection basins shall be free of residual oil or other contaminants so as to prevent the accidental discharge of these materials in the event of flooding, dike failure, or improper draining of the diked area. All drains from diked areas shall be equipped with valves which shall be kept in the closed condition except during periods of supervised discharge.
- g. All check valves, tanks, drains, or other potential sources of pollutant releases shall be inspected and maintained on a regular basis to assure their proper operation and to prevent the discharge of pollutants.
- h. The permittee shall assure compliance with all applicable regulations promulgated under the Louisiana Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Law and the Hazardous Waste Management Law (L.R.S. 30:2151, etc.). Management practices required under above regulations shall be referenced in the SWP3.
- i. The permittee shall amend the SWP3 whenever there is a change in the facility or change in the operation of the facility which materially increases the potential for the ancillary activities to result in a discharge of significant amounts of pollutants.
- j. If the SWP3 proves to be ineffective in achieving the general objectives of preventing the release of significant amounts of pollutants to water of the state, then the specific objectives and requirements of the SWP3 shall be subject to modification to incorporate revised SWP3 requirements.

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6. Facility Specific SWP3 Conditions:

None

- P. The discharge of oilfield substances or residual hauled fluids known as "heels" is prohibited under this permit in accordance with the effluent guidelines and standards for the Coastal Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category (40 CFR 435). Oilfield substances including "heels" must be removed from the tanks or vessels prior to cleaning.

Q. DISCHARGE MONITORING REPORTS

Monitoring results must be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form (EPA No. 3320-1 or an approved substitute). All monitoring reports must be retained for a period of at least three (3) years from the date of the sample measurement. The permittee shall make available to this Department, upon request, copies of all monitoring data required by this permit.

If there is no discharge during the reporting period, place an "X" in the NO DISCHARGE box located in the upper right corner of the Discharge Monitoring Report for that outfall.

Monitoring results for each reporting period shall be summarized on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) Form (one DMR form per monitoring period per outfall) and submitted to the Office of Environmental Compliance either hand delivered or postmarked no later than the 28th day of the month following each reporting period.

1. For parameters that require a monitoring frequency of quarterly or more frequent (ex: monthly, weekly, biweekly, bimonthly), DMRs shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Monitoring Period</u>	<u>DMR Postmark Date</u>
January, February, March	April 28th
April, May, June	July 28th
July, August, September	October 28th
October, November, December	January 28th

2. For parameters that require a semiannual monitoring frequency, DMRs shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Monitoring Period</u>	<u>DMR Postmark Date</u>
January - June	July 28th
July - December	January 28th

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3. For parameters that require an annual monitoring frequency, DMRs shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule:

Monitoring Period

DMR Postmark Date

January-December

January 28th

Duplicate copies of DMR's (one set of originals and one set of copies) signed and certified as required by LAC 33:IX.2503, and all other reports (one set of originals) required by this permit shall be submitted to the Permit Compliance Unit (one set of copies) at the following address:

Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Compliance
Enforcement Division
Permit Compliance Unit
Post Office Box 4312
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4312

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Attachment A

Commodity List

drilling muds